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C2	Gostt et al., "REAL-TIME PULSE OXIMETRY ARTIFACT ANNOTATION ON COMPUTERIZED ANAESTHETIC RECORDS". Journal of Clinical Monitoring and Computing, Vol. 17; pp. 249 – 257, 2002.
 C3	Rhee, "Design and Optimization of an Artifact-Resistive Wearable Photoplethysmographic Device: The Ring Sensor", Doctoral Thesis Proposal, Department of Mechanical Engineering of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, August 1999.
 C4	Copy of the PCT Search Report.

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